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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT: Interview with Lee Lescaze of
the Washington Post

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1. At 1500 hours tomorrow afternoon, Lee Lescaze will interview you in your Agency office. He will be accompanied by a staff photographer by the name of Ellsworth Davis who will take a few candid photographs during the interview. Lescaze is writing an article today for tomorrow morning's (Friday) edition of the Post on the subject of reorganization of the Intelligence Community. He said he had hoped to do this story after the interview but his editors insisted that he write it for tomorrow. This may have resulted from your conversation with Bradlee at breakfast this morning. The interview tomorrow is wide open. Lescaze says he will talk generally about your role as DCI/DCIA and ask questions about the status of national intelligence after three months in the job.

2. This interview provides an excellent opportunity to talk about the Agency, what it does, its importance, the outstanding people who work here and your pride in being the head of the Agency.

3. Biographical background and editorial profile on Lescaze is as follows:

- Age: 39
- Degree: A.B. from Harvard 1960
- 1963 - joined Washington Post
- 1965-67 - Assistant Foreign Editor
- 1967-68 - Saigon correspondent
- 1970-1973 - Hong Kong correspondent
- 1973-74 - Foreign Editor
- 1975 - National Editor
- Presently - "broadly defined reportorial beat"

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He will probably go to New York in six months. Lately his beat has been on intelligence. He has written several articles on the Agency covering such subjects as the tours, the newly selected members of the Intelligence Oversight Board, and the recently published CIA oil study. Upon your nomination to the post of DCI, Lescaze wrote an article on your background and threw in a few quotes from people about your tour at the Naval War College which were somewhat critical of your style, but Lescaze did say that, "in less than 60 days the college had an academically superior program." He attended the Sperling breakfast where he asked you a question on what you thought about criminal penalties. An article appeared the next day in the Post noting a difference of opinion with President Carter and Vice President Mondale on the subject of criminal penalties. You were quoted throughout the article on various other subjects discussed at the breakfast. Lescaze's articles are generally fair to the Agency and he appears to respect the Agency and its problems.



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